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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-15 (partially)
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Claims Nos.: 1-15 (partially)

Claims 1-15 relate to a method "for affecting at least one chemical or mechanical property of a target site", i.e. to a method of treatment of a target site. According to the present application, said target site includes human, mammal or animal body (see p. 6, 3th par., p. 16, 1st par., p. 21, 2nd par.-p. 22, 1st par., p. 23, 1st par., p. 26, 4th par., p. 27, 1st and 2nd par., p. 29, 2nd par., p. 30, 1st par., p. 40, last par., p. 41, last par., p. 48 and 49, claim 4). In particular, it is specified that the claimed method can be used in surgery, therapy and diagnostic for in vivo applications. According to Rule 39.1(iv) PCT in combination with Article 17(2)(a)(i) PCT, such methods of treatment in vivo are not to be searched. Therefore, the in vivo applications of the claimed method were excluded from the search of method claims 1-15.

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